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Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Official Action dated May 25, 1999. A request for a three month extension of time accompanies this response. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Before the subtitle "DESCRIPTION" on page 1, please insert the following:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION. This application is a continuation-in-part of USSN 08/481,458 which is a national

stage application based on PCT/EP93/03700 filed December 27, 1993 ---